

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, Chair, City of Lancaster
Austin Bishop, Vice Chair, City of Palmdale
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Steve Hofbauer, City of Palmdale
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster

Board Members Absent:

Newton Chelette, Public Member (excused)
Vern Lawson, Los Angeles County (excused)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Crist called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board Member **BISHOP** led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Item #1 – Public Comment

Public Comment received, Agenda Item #9.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Consent items were acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion.

Agenda Item #2 - Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of December 19, 2017. Presenter: Crystal Goree.

Upon motion by **MANN**, Seconded by **HOFBAUER**, with Board Member **HAWKINS** abstaining, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of December 19, 2017.

Agenda Item #3 – Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Upon motion by **MANN**, Seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and unanimously approved, the Board **Received and Filed** Monthly Activity Report.

Agenda Item #4 – Monthly Grant Fund Summary. Receive and file.

Presenter: Bret Banks.

Upon motion by MANN, Seconded by HOFBAUER, and unanimously approved, the Board Received and Filed Monthly Grant Fund Summary.

Agenda Item #5 - The Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at November 30, 2017, which provides financial information and budget performance concerning the current fiscal status of the District. Receive and file. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Upon motion by MANN, Seconded by HOFBAUER, and unanimously approved, the Board Received and Filed Financial Report.

Agenda Item #6 - Approve payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$211,300.94, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of September 2017 in the amount of \$106,169.32, October 2017 in the amount of \$105,131.62, November 2017 in the amount of \$105,969.56. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Upon Amended motion by MANN, Seconded by HOFBAUER, and unanimously approved, the Board Approved payment to MDAQMD in the total amount \$105,969.56, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of November 2017.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #7 - 1) Approve the FY 17-18 Application for Carl Moyer Program Year 20 Funds and authorize its submission to the California Air Resources Board (CARB); 2) Allocate a maximum of 15 percent of Mobile Source Emissions Reduction (MSER) Program funds to serve as the required match funding for the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (the Moyer Program); and 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan.

Julie McKeehan shared background information and staff recommendation. Upon Motion by HOFBAUER, Seconded by MANN, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the FY 17-18 Application for Carl Moyer Program Year 20 Funds and authorize its submission to the California Air Resources Board (CARB); allocated a maximum of 15 percent of Mobile Source Emissions Reduction (MSER) Program funds to serve as the required match funding for the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (the Moyer Program); and authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form.

Agenda Item #8 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$54,976 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Wilsona School District toward the purchase and installation of an Electric School Bus Charging Station; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan.

Julie McKeehan shared background information, staff recommendation and answered questions from the Board. Upon Motion by **BISHOP**, Seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and unanimously approved, the Board awarded an amount not to exceed \$54,976 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Wilsona School District toward the purchase and installation of an Electric School Bus Charging Station; and authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

PRESENTATION

Agenda Item #9 - Valley Fever Awareness Information. Presenter: Alicia Pucci,

Liaison Public Health Nurse Los Angeles Department of Public Health (DPH).

Alicia Pucci shared PowerPoint Presentation on “Valley Fever,” What We Know and Don’t Know. Ms. Pucci provided information on Coccidioidomycosis commonly known as "cocci" or "Valley fever", a fungal disease caused by the soil fungus *Coccidioides immitis*, endemic to certain arid-to-semiarid areas of the southwestern United States. Information was also provided on Cocci Ecology, Valley Fever Seasonality, Clinical Illness, and Diagnosis & Treatment. Ms. Pucci answered questions from the Board. Discussion ensued. Ms. Pucci discussed the risk factors for infection and severity of the disease, as well as the Valley Fever trends in Los Angeles County (LAC), 2001-2015. Prevention was also discussed, including dust mitigation, education and respiratory protection. Ms. Pucci provided LAC DPH Valley Fever Education Materials.

Public Comment received by Richard L. Campbell, A.V. Resource Conservation District, regarding Valley Fever and Fugitive Dust. Mr. Campbell indicated that he is working with Los Angeles County to present a future seminar on Valley Fever awareness.

Public Comment received by Jack Ehernberger regarding Antelope Valley metrology and weather patterns. AVAQMD and USEPA should incorporate Antelope Valley specific weather data into emissions modeling used in the permitting process for the Palmdale Energy Project.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Agenda Item #10 - Reports

Governing Board Counsel – Allison Burns wished everyone a “Happy New Year!”

Executive Director/APCO – Bret Banks informed the Board that Budget development is underway, with information to be provided at future meeting.

Mr. Banks announced the retirement of Crystal Goree, Administrative Secretary.

Agenda Item #14 - Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

Board Member Hawkins thanked Alicia Pucci for her presentation on Valley Fever.

Chair Crist thanked Crystal Goree for her years of dedicated service to the District and the A.V. Governing Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

APPROVED

Upon Motion by **NEWTON CHELETTE**, Seconded by **RON HAWKINS**, as approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 CRIST, HAWKINS, MALHI, HOFBAUER, BISHOP, CHELETTE

Noes:

Absent: 1 LAWSON

Abstain:

Vacant:

DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST

BY _____

Dated: FEBRUARY 20, 2018